

LOVETT GIVES OUT STATEMENT

TELLS WHY HARRIMAN LINES
WILL MAKE BIG IMPROVEMENTS.

In a statement accompanying the announcement of the double-tracking of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Oregon Short Line, President Robert S. Lovett commented on the reasons which had impelled the roads to reach their decision and declared the belief of himself and his associates that present conditions, considered unfavorable to the railroads, were but temporary.

President Lovett said that by July 1 the lines west of Omaha would have about 630 miles of double tracks.

"The entire country served by the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific system," Judge Lovett continued in his statement, "is developing rapidly—and we are convinced that its growth in population and its agricultural and commercial development must continue; and it is our purpose to provide, if we can, transportation facilities necessary to accommodate the growing business."

"Plans for the construction of a number of extensions and new lines tributary to the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific in the west and northwest which for some time have been under consideration were also approved Saturday, the expenditures therefor to extend over a period of six years."

BURNING THE BOOKS.

There is a big bell in Portland, Ore., that rings alarms for fires.

Some time ago there was an interesting commerce hearing there in relation to certain practices of rebating that had been indulged in by some of the local railroads in favor of some Portland shippers.

One man was testifying and was asked to produce his books.

"I can't," he said.

"Why not?"

"Because, by advice of counsel, I burned the books."

Presently another shipper was put on the stand. He was asked to produce his books.

"I didn't bring them," he said.

"Where are they?"

"At my office."

"Then go get them immediately."

The shipper left the room, but had not been gone more than five minutes when the big fire bell began to boom an alarm.

"There goes the books!" shouted every person in the room.

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To Avoid Trouble With Government Papers Must Collect Subscriptions In Advance

Within the last couple of weeks Wells Herald has sent out a great many subscription bills to subscribers. These bills were sent because we want the money and for the reason that the government is compelling the newspapers of the Union to collect subscriptions in advance.

The United States government is getting after newspapers all over the country that are violating the postal laws in sending papers to people who have not paid in advance, or authorized the paper to be sent.

The Atlanta Georgian, in Georgia, is the latest paper to suffer. Its editor, manager, circulation manager and two employees were indicted by the United States grand jury for sending daily papers through the mails to parties who had not paid for the papers, and who were more than three months in arrears for the daily paper and more than nine months in arrears for the semi-weekly paper.

The public generally does not understand that the government has fixed two prices for postage to be paid on newspapers. Newspapers are given the cheapest postage of any one by the government, viz: 1 cent per pound, which generally covers about seven or eight papers.

Not long ago the government changed the law, so that daily papers sent to subscribers not more than three months in arrears could

go at the 1 cent per pound rate. If the daily subscribers were over three months in arrears, the price to be paid by the newspaper publishers for postage would be 1 cent per paper instead of 1 cent per pound, or the equivalent of 30 cents per month instead of 3 or 4 cents per month. Many of the newspapers looked upon this as a bluff, saying that the government would not enforce the law, and nine out of every ten newspapers have violated the government law. Lewis & Company, publishers of the Woman's Weekly at St. Louis, was the first placed on the rack and now the dispatches announce the entire editorial and business force of the Atlanta Georgian were arrested for not paying enough postage on their papers, or in other words, sending out papers to subscribers who were more than three months in arrears for daily papers, nine months for semi-weekly papers, and twelve for weekly papers.

The Herald proposes living up to the government law, and people who want the paper must pay for it in advance.

Jawbone and promises do not satisfy the government; neither do they buy printers' ink, white paper, pay insurance, purchase type and material, or pay trust prices on the necessities of life.

Pungle up, if you want the newspaper.

FEDERAL JUDGES DENY INJUNCTION

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 4.—

The federal court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of the Tonopah Lumber company vs. the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad and the Southern Pacific Railroad companies, better known as the Verdi case, wherein an injunction has been sought by the railroads preventing the railroad commission from carrying out the reduction of rates as applied to forest products, the court denying the injunction. The court announced that on Monday the case would be set for trial on its merits.

The rate on dressed lumber, which was reduced from \$13 to \$8, and the rate on mine timbers also reduced from \$13 to \$5, has now gone into effect. However, only applicable between Verdi and Tonopah and Goldfield, the new rate will continue in effect until the case is fully settled on its merits in the federal court. Judge Bartine of the railroad commission and Attorney General Baker represented the state yesterday in the proceedings, and in the meantime they will prepare the case for final decision.

GOVERNOR'S VIEWS ON THE TARIFF

The New York World sent an inquiry to Governor Odell respecting his views on the tariff, which elicited the following response:

"All future amendment and modifications of the tariff, in my opinion, should follow the recommendations of the tariff commission. That commission is now engaged in a study of the applications of the Payne-Aldrich act to the industries of the country and until it is prepared to submit concrete recommendations with respect to modifications of the existing schedules, I am opposed to tariff tinkering. The people of the country are anxious for a scientific tariff to be ultimately evolved from modifications of the present law; one that may be amended from time to time by schedules without a general revision, and the basis of such a scientific tariff must be worked out by a commission of experts much as are now engaged in the task. If the work of that commission has reached the state when it is prepared to recommend important and urgent changes, then an extra session of

INVESTIGATION OF STATE HOSPITAL

SENATOR SYPHUS INTRODUCES
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
IMMEDIATE ACTION.

CARSON, Feb. 4.—The introduction by Senator Syphus, one of the Democratic wheel horses in the senate, of a resolution calling for an investigation of the state hospital for mental diseases promises to stir up again a scandal that for a time was a nine-day sensation in Reno, but which was covered up by a perfunctory investigation, the results of which have never been incorporated in a report, so far as known. If a report has been made it is known to only a few.

The investigation of the asylum last May was the culmination of bitter antagonism which arose in the institution itself and finally involved the members of the asylum commission.

In the beginning Dr. S. C. Gibson was superintendent of the institution and J. G. Driscoll supervisor of the asylum. Dissensions arose and the board on more than one occasion was advised of the condition. Finally Driscoll was removed and E. L. Bingham was made supervisor in his stead.

After the removal of Driscoll he filed charges alleging incompetency and mismanagement of the asylum. These were forwarded to the asylum board and a hearing was held that lasted three or four days. At this hearing allegations of many kinds were testified to regarding the treatment of the patients, the general sanitary condition of the institution and the business management. The board took the matter under advisement, but no report has been published.

GEORGE BRODIGAN WEDS.

Secretary of State George Brodigan is a married man. The ceremony was performed in San Francisco during the last few days, but as yet George has not found time to tell anyone about it. The news was first received in this city through the columns of a San Francisco paper in its Marriage License column.

"BILL" MAXWELL BECOMES MASTER ARLINGTON HOTEL

William J. Maxwell, former warden of the Nevada state prison, on Wednesday took charge of the Arlington hotel in Carson City and will hereafter be in charge of that institution. "Bill" is a jolly good fellow and one who knows how to make one at home, and it is expected that hereafter the hotel will win greater laurels as one of Nevada's greatest home hotels.

congress to act upon such recommendations might be justified; otherwise an extra session would do more damage than good by disturbing the business of the country."

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